

page 3, line 28, delete "a", and insert therein -- as --;  
page 4, line 21, delete "6" and insert therein -- 5 -- ;  
IN THE DRAWINGS:

No changes.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel existing CLAIM 9 and replace it with  
new CLAIM 13, as follows:

-- CLAIM 13. A grappling hook, having:  
an elongated shank defining an axis and having  
first and second ends  
thereon;  
5 rope receiving means at the first end thereof;  
a grasping end at the second end thereof having:  
a second first end thereof affixed to the second end  
of the shank; and  
a second free end spaced from the shank;  
10 the shank and the second free end defining a hook  
throat between them:  
the hook having thereon a balance point between the  
first end of the shank and the second free end  
of the grasping end, and  
15 a flexible line attached to the rope receiving  
means, the grappling hook COMPRISING:  
when the hook has been thrown onto a surface to which  
an obstruction is affixed, and the shank of the hook  
is drawn by the line toward and up onto the  
20 obstruction,

(continued)

(new CLAIM 13, continued):

the weight of the shank between the first end thereof  
and the balance point equaling the weight of the  
grasping end between the balance point and the second  
free end, whereby gravity:

- 25 lifts the grasping end from the surface when the  
balance point of the hook is pulled past the  
obstruction; and  
rotates the grasping end downward about the axis,  
whereby the grasping end engages the obstruction.

Please cancel existing CLAIMS 10 and 11.

Please cancel existing CLAIM 12, and replace it  
by new CLAIMS 14 and 15, as follows:

- CLAIM 14. The method of manufacture of a grappling hook,  
wherein a flexible line is preformed into a desired shape  
and a thermoplastic material shrunk over said shape. -- .
- CLAIM 15. The grappling hook of CLAIM 13, wherein said  
flexible line is preformed into the shape thereof and a  
thermoplastic material is shrunk over said shape. -- .

#### DISCUSSION AND ARGUMENTS

Applicant's responses will be given in the same  
order in which Examiner presents his objections and rejec-  
tions to the '745 Application, in the Office Action of Decem-  
ber 12, 2000, as amended by the Amendment dated October 14,  
2000, submitted therein.